

## CORNER-STONE LAID.

IMPOSING MASONIC CEREMONY AT LOUDOUN'S COURT-HOUSE.

Large Assembly of Dignitaries and Masons Present—Grand Procession—Eloquent Oration by R. T. W. Dike.

LEESBURG, VA., April 24.—(Special.)—The corner-stone of the new court-house of Loudoun county, in course of erection here, was laid to-day with Masonic honors. The ceremonies were performed by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Grand Master James conducting them, assisted by Acting-Deputy-Grand-Master Courtney, Grand Senior Warden Reid, Grand Junior Warden Davis, Grand Secretary Biddick, Grand Treasurer Isaacs, Grand Marshal Carruthers, and Grand Senior and Junior Deacons Cosby and Wilkins.

There were in attendance, upon invitation of the lodge here, old Dominion commandery, Knights Templar, of Alexandria and Washington and Jackson Lodges of the same city; representatives from the various Masonic lodges in this county, and a number of unattached brethren—the whole aggregating a crowd of fully 300.

## LARGE ATTENDANCE.

The assemblage of citizens from the county who came to witness the ceremonies was also quite large, not far short of 2,000 persons being present. About 11 o'clock after the usual preliminary, a procession was formed, headed by the Alexandria commandery and its drum-corps, followed by the local and visiting lodges and the Grand Lodge of the same city, and the procession moved on to the court-house square, and most of the building, where the chairs of a Masonic lodge were arranged.

## THE CEREMONIES.

Rev. George L. Bizer, acting grand chaplain, offered prayer, and then Grand Master Courtney, in a short and eloquent address, presented the tools of operative masonry to Builder Joseph L. North, he invited N. B. Peacock, chairman of Board of Supervisors, to inspect the work, and then proceeded, and the ceremony was over.

## THE Oration.

Grand Master Pease then introduced Hon. R. T. W. Dike, Jr., of Charlottesville, who delivered a splendid oration upon the occasion. The subject of the oration was "The Corner-Stone of the New Building." The oration was a model of the kind, and was well received by the audience.

## GENERAL THOMAS MERCER WHITE.

Death of This Respected Citizen at the Advanced Age of 92 Years.

ASHLAND, VA., April 24.—(Special.)—General Thomas Mercer White, the oldest citizen of Hanover, is dead. He died at his residence near here to-day, in the 92d year of his age, and will be buried to-morrow at 2:30 P. M. General White was a remarkable man, strong, vigorous, and intelligent, he lived a life of full usefulness to his country, state, family, and neighbors. In early years he was a captain in the State troops, and was afterwards promoted by degrees until he became general. In the late war he took no part on account of his age, but was always loyal to the Confederacy. General White has been a magistrate in this county for thirty years, and up to within a few days he attended to his official duties.

## SHORT ILLNESS.

His last illness was of short duration, lasting only ten days, and up to that time he fully enjoyed his occupation of a farmer. He represented Hanover in the Legislature during the sessions of 1874-75, and was also an assessor in 1875-76, and was known to all as a kind, generous, and courteous. His father was Thomas White, a gallant soldier, who was present at the battle of Gettysburg; his mother was a Miss Blackwell.

General White was a brother of Captain Clement White and was an uncle of the late Joseph J. White, the first Police Justice of Richmond, and the late Captain Thomas W. White. He was a great uncle of the late Mr. J. B. Carter, of this city, and of the late Mr. J. B. Carter, of this city, and of the late Mr. J. B. Carter, of this city.

## AMPUTATED AT THE WRIST.

Smith-Davis Wedding To-Day at Union-Adjoined Presbytery Meeting.

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Mr. Robert T. Smith, Deputy Treasurer of Radford, and a prominent merchant, left today for Union, W. Va., where he will be married to-morrow to Miss Jennie L. Davis, of Union, W. Va.

Mr. Richard H. Adams, postmaster at Radford, left Saturday for Birmingham, Ala., to attend the Grand Encampment of Confederate Veterans. He is the representative of G. C. Wharton Camp that will attend the encampment.

## THE HARDEST FIGHT.

Mr. E. E. Hedrick, one of the men who went down in the bridge disaster is out, and in a conversation a few days ago, he was heard to say that he had been hurt falling out of a wagon once then in this ninety-first foot fall.

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